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REF: (A) MBFR VIENNA 114 (DTG 121328Z MAR 77),  
(B) STATE 42131 (DTG 250120Z FEB 77)

1. REF A STATES A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THE TABLING  
OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS FOR THE EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN  
PARTICIPANTS MAY HELP ADVANCE THE DATA DISCUSSION  
WITH THE EAST.

2. HOWEVER, I AGREE FULLY WITH PARA 5, REF B THAT  
THE US SHOULD NOT PRESS THE ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE.  
IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT FURTHER DISAGGREGATION  
OF DATA WILL ACTUALLY REVEAL THE REASONS WHY EASTERN  
TABLED FIGURES ARE SO MUCH LOWER THAN OUR ESTIMATES  
OF THEIR DATA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRG, BELGIUM  
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AND ITALY ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ONCE NATIONAL  
SUB-TOTALS BECOME PART OF THE NEGOTIATION, WE SHALL  
BE ON THE "SLIPPERY SLOPE" TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS.  
THE OTHER SIDE'S PURPOSE IN PROPOSING THE TABLING  
OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS MAY WELL BE TO TRY TO TURN  
THE NEGOTIATION DOWN THIS AVENUE. OPPOSITION TO  
NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF UTMOST  
IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG. AT A TIME OF DIFFICULTY WITH  
THE FRG ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OUTSIDE MBFR, WE  
SHOULD NOT EXACERBATE THE SITUATION BY TAKING A

LEADING ROLE REGARDING THE TABLING OF NATIONAL  
SUB-TOTALS.

3. I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE US-FRG  
BILATERAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK, THE US SHOULD DO NO  
MORE THAN RAISE THE QUESTION AND HEAR WHAT  
COMMISSIONER RUTH HAS TO SAY. STRAUZ-HUPE

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